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1. The Government is drawing up long lists of Army officers who are shortly to be retired. It is reported that the total commissioned personnel is to be reduced by five thousand. This will probably reduce the officer list to about twenty-three thousand. Of these, eight thousand are young men whose military training is very superficial. But this group is especially valued by the Soviet authorities, presumably because their military training can be improved and at the same time be more easily indoctrinated with Soviet views than better educated individuals.
2. It is expected that recruitment of entirely new personnel will begin in March.

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